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Tobacco goods:

2. "In Krakow, the tobacco plant is situated on the road leading to the Kowa Huta Combine. Until 1950 it was called Panstwowa Monopol Tytoniowy - Wytworznia Papierosow w Czyzyny (State Tobacco Monopoly - Czyzyny Tobacco Plant), nowadays /1953/ changed to Panstwowa Wytworznia Papierosow Nr. 1 (State Tobacco Plant No 1). I know furthermore that the plant has been enlarged (fall 1953) and that the Zjednoczenie Budownictwa Przemyslowego (Building Union) was working there.
3. "Cigarettes and in general all tobacco goods may be purchased in the following stores and/or shops:
 - a. Street kiosks - administered by the Invalids' Cooperative
 - b. All 'Ruch' shops, restaurants and buffets.
 - c. M H D - Tobacco and alcohol resale stores
 - d. P S S - Tobacco and alcohol resale stores
 - e. P D T - Tobacco section - stores.

In the outskirts of the city as well as in villages, tobacco goods were on sale in food commodities stores.

4. "below is a list of cigarette prices. A lowering of prices for tobacco goods by approximately 6% became effective 1 May 54.

Type	Number	Zl
Wawel	25	10.50
Poznanskie	12	2.80
Grunwald	10	3.60

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Type	Number	Zl
Wczasowe	20	2.60
Relwedery	25	11.00
Mewy	20	3.40 (3.607)
Sport	?	?
M D M	12	3.60
Plaskie	?	?
Damskie	?	?

25X1 5. "Cigars have not been seen on sale. [redacted] people rolling their own
 25X1 cigaretter, and this probably is a result of the shortage of cigarette paper.
 25X1 Tobacco may be purchased also in packages, but it is exclusively for pipe-
 25X1 smokers. It occurred quite often that good types of cigarettes were not
 25X1 available in the stores. Such shortages, however lasted only a few
 25X1 days. In all tobacco stores, apart from tobacco and cigarettes (Zigaretten Spitze),
 25X1 matches were on sale. There existed only two types of matches: large and small
 25X1 boxes. One big box of matches was priced at 0.15 Zl. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] They completely disappeared from markets when UNRRA
 25X1 parcels were no longer sent to Poland. It might be possible that US
 25X1 cigarettes were on sale in the commission-type stores [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] Soviet, Hungarian, CSR and other foreign makes on sale.
 25X1 [redacted] 'Machorka'-type of tobacco [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted]
 25X1 Shaving equipment, toothbrushes, etc

6. "Sale takes place in the following stores:

- a. M H D - stores
- b. P S S - stores
- c. P D T - stores
- d. Few privately owned Drogeria and Perfumeria shops.

Prices

7. a. "Tooth paste, chlorodont (?) /Calorodent/ make, Polish product, big tube, Zl
 price including metal tube, each 5.00
 b. Same as above, toothpaste, only on return of empty tube, each 2.80

Note: [redacted]

[redacted] If the used and empty tube
 was not returned when purchasing a new one, the store
 charged for the tube actually more than for the tooth paste
 itself.

- c. Toothbrush, Polish product, very poor quality, each 3.00 - 6.00
 Nylon toothbrush, US product, good quality, on sale only
 in the Commission M H D - stores and privately owned shops
 (these are goods received by Polish citizens and taken for
 resale to stores indicated), each ?
- d. Gillette blue blade, either US, British, Swedish or Swiss
 makes, on sale also only in private shops or in M H D -
 Commission resale stores (also goods received from
 abroad), each 4.00
10.00 - 40.00
- e. Clothing brush, Polish product, poor quality, each
- f. Nylon clothing brush, foreign make, on sale in M H D -
 Commission stores and private shops, goods received
 from abroad, each ?
- g. Nylon hairbrush, foreign makes, on sale in M H D -
 Commission stores and private shops, goods sent
 from abroad, each ?
- h. Wire hairbrush, Polish product, relatively good quality, each 20.00 - 35.00
- i. Comb, Polish product, prices depending upon sizes and quality, 3.60 - 15.00
- j. Shoe polish, Polish product, per box 1.80

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8. "There were shaving brushes and shaving soaps, both Polish products [redacted] In the State M.H.D. - Commission stores (as well as in the private ones). Various kinds of goods were received from abroad and brought for resale."
9. "Shoe polish is rarely available. There is always a problem about the color, and quite often, in the entire city Krakow, only one color of shoe polish is available. Effective 1 May 54 the price of tooth paste was lowered by approximately 10%."

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